



Virginia State Office of Rural Health (VA-SORH) Sub-Recipient Eligibility

Awards consist of **annual grants** that range in value from **\$1,000 to \$35,000**. Recipients **must reapply** each year and will receive subsequent grants based on their progress and performance. **Priority** will be given to grantees that demonstrate a need for the funding, have a clear plan in place for using the funding, and can articulate the anticipated impact of the funding if received.

Virginia State Office of Rural Health (VA-SORH) Grants

Rural Substance Misuse Programming (Awareness Focused) \$50,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects, including: Substance misuse training, Naloxone distribution training, opioid/substance misuse prevention, treatment and reduction programs, peer support counselors, resource information, rural Veterans post trauma referral programs, pediatric and adolescent adverse childhood experience's referral programs for psychiatrists, addiction counselors, etc.
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$35,000 per year; up to two awards will be given per fiscal year to two separate entities. ***If one recipient receives the maximum of \$35,000 the other recipient will not receive more than \$15,000.***

Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Programming (Focus: Rural EMS System Readiness Assessment/Feasibility Study) \$10,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support projects like: the assessment of their local EMS and healthcare system and their readiness to support a mobile integrated health/community paramedicine program, and assessment of potential funding mechanisms for Rural EMS sustainability
- Applicant must include a letter of support from their local EMS agencies
- Applicant must submit a copy of their Letter of Intent to the State Office of EMS, at: Tim.Perkins@vdh.virginia.gov
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$5,000 per year; up to four awards will be given per fiscal year to four separate entities.

Rural Workforce Development Programming \$35,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects, including: Community Health Worker, First Responder Classes, Health Career Camps, Veteran Matriculation, Certified Health Educator training, Coal Miner workforce transition program, Health Career Opportunity training or "Pipeline" Programs, etc.
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$12,000 per year; up to three awards will be given per fiscal year to three separate entities.

Opioid Reduction Programming (Resource Distribution Focused) \$20,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects, including: Prescription disposal programs, opioid use prevention, treatment and reduction programs, opioid tool kits, Veterans post trauma referral programs, pediatric and adolescent adverse childhood experience's referral programs for psychiatrists, addiction counselors, etc.
- Applicants must reapply each year.



- Direct costs generally up to \$20,000 per year; up to two awards will be given per fiscal year to two separate entities.

Rural Provider Training Programming (Educational & Sustainability Focused) \$15,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a provider-training program that services rural clinics, hospitals, and health care systems in behavioral health, telehealth, substance abuse.
- The Virginia SORH cannot provide funding towards stipends, tuition fees, supplement the cost of services billed
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$15,000 per year; up to one award will be given per fiscal year to one entity.

Behavioral Health Programming \$35,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects, including: Veterans post trauma referral programs, pediatric and adolescent adverse childhood experience's referral programs for psychiatrists, addiction counselors, etc.
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$35,000 per year; up to one award will be given per fiscal year to one entity.

Telehealth Programming \$20,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects via telehealth, including: Provider substance abuse consulting, veteran's referral programs, pediatric and adolescent referral programs for psychiatrists, addiction counselors, etc.
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$20,000 per year; up to one award will be given per fiscal year to one entity.

AHEC Collaboration Programming \$10,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects via VA-AHEC's including: health career training camps in rural areas, rural healthcare pipeline development
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$10,000 per year; up to one award will be given per fiscal year to one entity.

Innovative Rural Programming \$15,000

- Provides funding for a 12-month period to support a variety of types of projects that support any of the five VA-SORH target areas such as film series and high school career training program to explore health related careers.
- Applicants must reapply each year.
- Direct costs generally up to \$15,000 per year; up to one award will be given per fiscal year to one entity.

To be eligible for consideration for a VA-SORH Sub- recipient grant, organizations must:

- Applications will open in **December** and the following **March** of each year. Submissions must be received by **February 7th** for fall/winter consideration and by **April 15th** for spring consideration. Note: The Spring funding period is contingent on the amount of funds from the fall/winter grant



rounds. Funding will be dispersed during the fiscal year to start **July 1st-June 30th**. Applications must be received **by 5 p.m.** on the day of the deadline. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next regular business day.

- A public agency, tribal organization or private non-profit holding a 501(c)(3) tax-exemption in the Commonwealth of Virginia that is a designated rural service provider, Rural Health Clinic, Health Professional Shortage Area or a Medically Underserved Area/Population.
- **Project must be completed within 12 months** from the date the grant money is awarded. If your organization is asking for partial funding of a larger project, the organization must include a total budget plan that clearly shows how the organization will complete the project within 12 months.
- The organization must be able to demonstrate it is **financially stable** through provided statement of other sources of funds.
- The organization must provide a **budget narrative** that supports the requested funding amount.
- **Salaries cannot** exceed more than **20%** of the budget requested from VA-SORH and cannot be extended beyond the intended grant project year. **Additional salary tracking information will be required if awarded.**
- **Must demonstrate** future plans without continued funding if the grant is not renewed. Please list all current funding sources.
- **The amount of funding requested must accurately reflect the budget narrative submitted** to fund the project; upon review by the panel.
- Submit a **Metric Tracking Plan that demonstrates proposed outcomes measure that focus on the VA-SORH five target areas**. Metrics must demonstrate a positive impact on the community involved through the target areas of the grant and show measurement tools used to track data collected.
- Innovative **Marketing Plan** that shows collaboration with local health department and/or other organizations focusing on rural needs.
- The organization must have a program currently operating or impacting any of the following focus areas (May combine more than one focus area):
 - Workforce Development Programs
 - Telehealth
 - Substance Abuse
 - Behavioral Health
 - Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine

What are the obligations of the recipients?

The organization awarded must publicize the VA-SORH sponsorship via logo in all the official documents related to the funded program (announcements, program, website, presentations, flyers etc.). All presentations must include a designated VA-SORH slide that will be provided upon request by the VA-SORH program manager. During public programming, a representative of VA-SORH must be allowed to attend if scheduling permits and VA-SORH must have the opportunity to advertise and have a vendor booth if applicable. After the meeting, the organizers should submit a report to VA-SORH of the programs summary of events and an attendance list each quarter when implemented.



VA-SORH Sub Recipient Grant Restrictions (Unallowable cost)

- The organization may request no more than the amount listed in the summary of funding. Awards to support projects beyond the first budget year will be contingent upon satisfactory progress in meeting the project's objectives, and a determination that continued funding would be in the best interest of VA-SORH.
- Fund research projects that lack a direct linkage component addressing the following:
 - Workforce Development Programs
 - Telehealth
 - Substance Misuse
 - Behavioral Health
 - Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedicine
- Fund travel expenses to conferences, food, completed projects, debt reduction campaigns, building an endowment, land acquisition projects, religious or church-sponsored facilities limited to church membership or projects that exclusively serve religious purposes, general operating costs, fundraisers or raffles, alcohol, entertainment cost, promotional items, advisory boards, honoraria, invention, patent, or licensing costs, lobbying, meals, pre-award costs, promotional items (SWAG,) etc.
- The Virginia SORH grant has allowed 20% of the grant budget to be put towards salary to directly support SORH project management and implementation; the SORH grant is not allowed to fund: stipends for undergraduate/graduate/higher education internships, fellowships, and grant funds cannot be used to reimburse tuition due to the number of grants/scholarships who directly support the need.
- Underwrite sponsorships and tuition
- For equipment costing over \$5,000.00 (per unit), *which is allowable*, under the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) policy and regulations, the equipment is the property of VDH, and will be thoroughly tracked through the duration of the grant year. After the grant period has ended, the equipment must still be tracked and reported until the equipment's expiration date.
- An organization **may not receive funding for more than one project until the completion or termination of funded program.**

Application Requirements

Limit to 10 pages with the following:

1. Statement of Need
2. Population to be served
3. Project Goals and quantifiable objectives with timeline
4. Budget Narrative
 1. Salaries cannot exceed more than 20% of the submitted budget.
 2. No indirect cost
5. Marketing Plan
6. Future Work plan Narrative



7. Metric Tracking Plan

How to Submit an Application

Applications may be submitted by one of the following ways:

- Email: Heather.Anderson@vdh.virginia.gov
- Fax: 804-864-7426
- Mail: Virginia Department of Health
Office of Health Equity
- Attn: Heather Anderson, VA SORH Grant Application
Richmond, VA 23219

Award Notifications

Applications will be reviewed and awards will be announced for the first round by **March 15th** and a **possible second round by April 25th** for the second round of applications. Awardees must submit an updated work plan/budget by **May 30th** before funding is awarded **July 1st**.

Definitions

Annual– Occurring once every year.

Sub-recipient–A non-Federal entity that receives a sub award from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program.

Financially Stable–Being able to maintain the proposed project without continued funding from VA-SORH.

Helpful Documents/Links:

Am I Rural?

<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural>

Partnership for a Healthier Virginia

Note: Presents a list of community assessments published by hospitals and local health departments across Virginia, so you can easily locate the Community Health Needs Assessments in your county

<https://phvi.wpengine.com/>

Health Opportunity Index

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/health-equity/virginia-health-opportunity-index-hoi/>

Community Toolbox

<https://ctb.ku.edu/en>

Appalachian Regional Commission

<https://www.arc.gov/>